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Vol. 78 No. 11 HAPPY THANKSGIVING....

EDITORIAL..... by John Kellas

Postmaster General W.F. Bolger has announced the appointment of former Rochesterian, Gordon C. Morison, as Assistant Postmaster General for Customer Service. His responsibilities will be in the area of development and marketing of postal products and services, management of the stamp and philatelic program, liaison with business mailers and actions on behalf of the consumer through the consumer advocate function.

Mr. Morison is a member of the RPA and the membership wishes the best of luck to him in his new job!

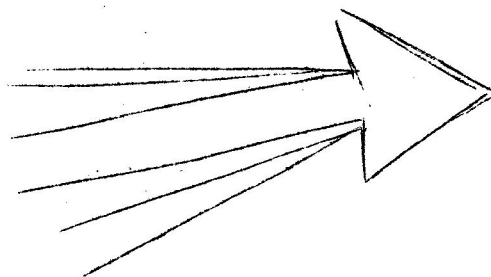
..... The Elmira Stamp Club has asked the RPA to help promote a proposed stamp issue showing a glider (sailplane) targeted for the 1980 U.S. stamp program. The Stamp would honor the 50th anniversary of the National Soaring Contest. The RPA is planning to write a supportive letter to the Citizens Stamp Advisory in the near future. RPA members are encouraged to write letters to. A design of the proposed stamp will be displayed at the next meeting and will appear in the next "H & T".

NEW STAMP ISSUES

- Nov. 3 U.S., aerogram, 22¢
- Nov. 15 Canada, Ice Vessels, four se-tenant 14¢ stamps
- Nov. 16 U.S., definitive in the Americana series, a \$2 stamp depicting a kerosene lamp

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BIG STAMP DESIGN CONTEST



***** NOVEMBER MEETINGS *****

Nov. 9 NO MEETING

Nov. 16-Third Thursday-
"Erie Canal Philately",
Warren Stevens will be showing a slide program highlighting the postal history of the Erie Canal. This will be the only RPA November meeting, so be there.

Nov. 23 Thanksgiving
NO MEETING

RPA STAMP DESIGN CONTEST

This contest is open to all RPA members. The subject of the proposed stamp must fit into the 'Americana Series' theme. The USPS has announced that seven regular 'Americana' issues are planned for early 1979. The new issues will be a 30¢, 50¢, \$1.00, and \$5.00. The designs of all but the 30¢ issue will feature lighting devices similar to the \$2.00 stamp being issued November 16. Also there will be a \$3.00 stamp booklet for over-the-counter sales which may use the 'Americana' theme. YOUR design must be in scale to the present Americana series stamp size. It can be just a design with or without the characteristic phase along two sides of the stamp border. The contest deadline will be the December RPA meeting and the proposed stamps will be featured in the "H & T" Jan. '79 issue. All ideas will be sent to the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee and the winner may actually become a US stamp issue in '79 with FDC in Rochester!

***** RADIO PHILATELY ***** James Trenton

Any member having a shortwave radio receiver may want to participate in the 70th Anniversary celebration of Radio Nederland's HAPPY STATION Program by tuning in on SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1978.

| Area Signal Beamed to | Time Received at Rochester, N.Y. | Frequencies (kHz) |
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| New Zealand, Pacific, Australia | 2:30 - 3:20 am | 9770,9715 |
| New Zealand, Australia | 3:30 - 4:20 am | 9715 |
| Europe | 4:30 - 5:20 am | 11930,9895,7240, 6045,5955 |
| Europe | 8:30 - 9:20 am | 11930,9895,6045, 5955 |
| South, East Asia | 9:30 - 10:20 am | 17855 |
| Central, East, South Africa | 1:30 - 2:20 pm | 17700,11730, 6020 |
| West, Central Africa | 3:30 - 4:20 pm | 21640,17810,15220 11740,11730 |
| North America (East) | 9:30 - 10:20 pm | 9590,6165 |
| North America (West) | 1:30 - 2:20 am (Monday) | 9715,6165 |

Radio Nederland also has a program on Postage Stamps of the World called STAMP CORNER heard on alternate Saturdays. If you want to listen to this program, tune into one of the above times on Saturdays to hear it. The same frequencies are used for the times indicated.

***** NEW PHILATELIC BOOKS RELEASED *****

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| SCOTT 1979 STANDARD POSTAGE STAMP CATALOGUE, Vol.4 just released | \$16.00 |
| SCOTT 1979 Specialized U.S. Catalogue, scheduled for Nov. 15 | \$14.00 |
| Lyman's Canada, British North America Postage Stamp Retail Catalogue, Winter Edition-1979 | \$2.50 |
| Stanley Gibbons 1979 ELIZABETHAN CATALOGUE, released Oct.13 | \$24.00 |
| The Washington Press, U.S. Specialized Catalog of First Day Covers 1978-1979 | \$2.50 |

USPS TO DEMONETIZE POSTAL ITEMS.....

With few public announcements, the USPS will be effectively demonetizing more than 100 postal items after NOV.30; the date set for new MINIMUM size standards to take effect. The new standard term as "non-nailable" any item which is $\frac{1}{4}$ " thick or less and less than $3\frac{1}{2}$ " high, 5" long and .007" thick. What this means is that the vast majority of postal cards issued through 1976 will become non-nailable. (most postal cards were $3\frac{1}{4}$ " high or less) The USPS Manual does provide for refunds when such items are presented, but at only 85% of face value (section 147.13). Thus collectors and the general public may be "stuck" with unusable postal items or face a 15% loss of value if redeemed by the USPS. All US postal cards issued before 1977 will be demonetized except: (scott#s) UX10, UX12, UX13, UX59, UX61-63, UX67; UY1, UY2, UY11, 12; UXC11, UXC12-13, UXC15, 16. These are the only US postal cards, among all those issued prior to 1977, that will still be usable after Nov.30. A few embossed items will also be affected by the MINIMUM size standards.